

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) Master cylinder [(10)] for a vehicle hydraulic brake system having
  - a housing [(12)], which has a bore [(14)], which extends along a longitudinal axis [(A)] and which is sealingly closed at one end by an end wall forming part of the housing [(12)] of the master cylinder [(10)] and at the other, opposite end by a closure element [(16)],
  - a piston [(18)], which is guided in the bore [(14)] and extends in a sealing and axially displaceable manner through the closure element [(16)], and
  - a central valve [(20)], which is formed on the piston [(18)] and enables a fluid connection between a fluid reservoir and a pressure chamber [(28)] delimited in the bore [(14)] by the end wall and the piston [(18)] and which in the non-actuated state of the piston [(18)] is held in open position by an abutment component [(34)] abutting a stop element [(40)], wherein the closure element [(16)] is formed by two annular, axially mutually adjoining parts [(42, 44)], which are releasably connected to one another and of which the first part [(42)] facing the bore [(14)] is made of an elastomer material and the second part [(44)] remote from the bore [(14)] is made of a rigid material, and wherein the part [(44)] of the closure element [(16)] remote from the bore [(14)] has at least two compliant detent arms [(59)], which interact with a detent groove [(67)] formed in the inner periphery of the bore [(14)],  
~~characterized in that~~ wherein each detent arm [(59)] in the interior of the bore [(14)] comprises a first portion, which extends in axial direction away from the bore [(14)], and a detent portion [(65)], which projects radially outwards from the first portion, wherein the detent portion [(65)] extends substantially at right angles to the first portion, and wherein the stop element [(40)] is in contact with an end face of the part [(42)] of the closure element [(16)] made of an elastomer material.

2. (Currently Amended) Master cylinder according to claim 1,  
~~characterized in that~~ wherein the detent arms  $[(59)]$  are formed integrally with the part  $[(44)]$  remote from the bore  $[(14)]$ .
3. Master cylinder according to ~~one of claims 1 or 2~~ claim 1,  
~~characterized in that~~ wherein the first portion of all detent arms  $[(59)]$  is formed by a hollow-cylindrical wall portion  $[(72)]$ , which extends from a base  $[(58)]$  of the part  $[(44)]$  made of rigid material remote from the bore  $[(14)]$  in axial direction away from the bore  $[(14)]$ .
4. Master cylinder according to ~~one of claims 1 or 2~~ claim 1,  
~~characterized in that~~ wherein the detent arms  $[(59)]$  are formed in a hollow-cylindrical extension  $[(50)]$  of the part  $[(44)]$  made of rigid material, which extension  $[(50)]$  is guided on an actuating extension  $[(38)]$  of the piston  $[(18)]$ .